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# The Post Dispatch

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## Dalby facility boosts United Way funding

by Sheri Lewis  
 Employees of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility hope to provide a \$10,000 shot in the arm to the Garza County United Way campaign in the next few days.

According to the facility's Ruby Williams, the unit's employees have generated an estimated \$10,000 for United Way through various fund raisers and payroll deductions.

"We just put on our roller skates and went to work," said Williams, a former United Way board member.

Under the direction of the facility's United Way campaign coordinator, Deanna Branham, and her committee, Dalby unit employees conducted a bake sale, the Santa Fest, a raffle and several early morning breakfasts since fund raising began in late October. Additionally, the facility's 234 employees participated in payroll deductions that boosted the donation effort by more than \$8,000.

"MTC always encourages community participation," Williams said, "and our people have worked really hard and did a lot of fun things to get this done."

"Through it all, we've had a lot of fellowship and a lot of hard work. I think it speaks very well of our employees. We just really want the community to understand we are a positive part of the community. We're family people, and we recognize the needs here in our community."

Williams said the unit's final fund raising efforts will be wrapped up in the next few days, allowing them to present their contribution to local United Way officials prior to the end of the 2000 campaign.

"That is major," said Rodney Tidwell, chairman of the Garza

County United Way. "What they've done is really, really great. Without them, I don't know what we'd do."

To date, the local United Way campaign stands at about \$8,000, short of its projected \$22,000 goal. This year's United Way effort is slated to end Dec. 31.

"We really appreciate them coming forward and stepping up to the plate," Tidwell said.

Williams said the Dalby unit's employees are already looking forward to participating in the 2001 United Way campaign. Early plans indicate next year's Santa Fest will be bigger and better, and Williams indicated they hope to begin fund raising efforts for United Way earlier than the last quarter of the year.

This year's Santa Fest, the first such event, was conducted earlier in the month. It raised about \$400 for the United Way effort.

In addition to the push for United Way, employees of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility spearheaded an Angel Tree drive which will assure that 82 local children will receive Christmas gifts this holiday season. Facility officials worked closely with the elementary school counselor to find children in Head Start through fifth grade to receive toys and clothing purchased for the Angel Tree project.

The Dalby unit's Angel Tree project has attracted the attention of a handful of other local businesses and agencies who also participated.

"People have been so generous," said Williams. "We feel good about our people."

The gifts generated through the Angel Tree project were to have been delivered to the local community center Tuesday for distribution.



Post Antelope varsity football players named to the All-District First Team were (left to right) John Eilenberger, Michael Huff and Tyrone Jefferson.

## United Way campaign reports big shortfall

The local United Way campaign, which will wrap up Dec. 31, currently stands at about \$8,000, well short of the \$22,000 goal.

United Way Chairman Rodney Tidwell said Monday that donations are still coming in, including a sizable one expected from the employees of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, but the campaign needs more funds in order to reach its year 2000 goal.

Donations may be made by mail by writing Garza County United Way, P.O. Box 425, or may be made by calling 495-1244 or one of the United Way board members at 495-2811.

# State, county code enforcers rip thousands out of hands of travelers

## It's not always happy holidays for Garza County visitors

by Wes Burnett

The two Justice of the Peace courts in Garza County reported collections of \$25,325.14 during November from 124 cases related to traffic code violations.

The year-to-date total collections from corporate code violators on Garza County highways is \$345,886.78.

Acting as agents for the state, local code enforcers filed 197 cases in JP 1, where 91 of those cases resulted in payments for code violations for a total of \$17,053.19.

JP 2 reported 100 cases with 33 of those paying \$8,271.95 in November.

Most, if not all of these victims of highway theft, have no idea that they are part of a gigantic legislative scheme, which considers all who travel to be doing so within certain boundaries of an incorporated area, therefore the "subjects" are required to follow the corporation's rules.

The traffic code is one example of the corporate form of government imposed on Texans, in violation of the guarantee of a republic form of government.

The "Transportation Code" is not even a law, it does not have the constitutionally required Secretary of State certification of publication as part of the statute. Perhaps that omission is based on the fact that there is no constitutional authority for corporate government to enforce corporate rules in violation of basic constitutional guarantees, such as liberty, the right of travel from one place to another.

Although most Texans think of themselves as free to move about as they wish, they discover their true status as corporate "citizens" once they become victimized by the corporation's policy enforcers.

The Texas transportation code is nothing more than a corporate policy, and since the State of Texas is a corporate subdivision of the incorporated U.S., then all who live or travel inside those boundaries are considered corporate subjects, bound to obey corporate

policies. One of those policies is the registration of privately owned modes of travel, such as cars and trucks. Once an individual voluntarily signs over ownership to the corporation (state), the driver or owner automatically agrees to abide by the rules of the real owner of the car or truck.

Notice that when you register your car or truck, you get a "certificate of title," not an actual title or manufacturer's certificate of origin. The real title is held by the real owner, in a vault somewhere in Austin.

Because of the extortionate expense of defending the right of travel in the corporation's court system, most Texans meekly submit to the extortion and voluntarily gave up their right of travel by declaring themselves "motor vehicle" operators, through applications for certificates of title as well as "motor vehicle" licenses.

Although the Texas transportation code applies only to those people involved in commercial use of the highways, it is obvious that the vast majority of "criminals" tagged in highway traffic fines were paid by "volunteers." Very few, if any, of those victims realize

that the cars and trucks they drive are not included in the regulations related to the transportation code, unless the original owner voluntarily submitted to the corporation policy.

The Texas Transportation Code defines commercial use of the highways as those carrying passengers or property for hire. Cars and trucks, which are not used for hire in carrying property or passengers, are not "motor vehicles" as defined by the code.

Carrying around a state driver's license is also a severe limit on freedom and liberty... that little piece of paper wrapped in plastic declares the holder to be an "operator of a motor vehicle."

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## Post Notes

### Christmas Eve service

A Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 24 at 10 p.m. The community is cordially invited.

### Dispatch holiday schedule

The Post Dispatch will operate with reduced hours during the Christmas and New Year holidays. Deadlines for the December 28 and January 4 issues will be Tuesdays at noon. The office will be closed Wednesday, December 20 through Monday, December 26. Customers may use the mail slot in the front door for drop-offs.

### VFW hosts VA Christmas party

The Post VFW men and ladies auxiliary will make a trip to Big Spring Thursday, Dec. 21 to host a Christmas party at the VA Hospital. Members will leave the VFW at noon. Any donation of cakes, pies, candy and other treats will be greatly appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at the VFW Hall before noon Thursday.

### Christmas Dance Saturday

The Post VFW will host a Christmas Dance Saturday, December 23 at the VFW Hall. Music will be by "Grupo Equis" with a \$5 per person fee.

### GCRT offers \$100 in gas

The Garza County Response Team is selling tickets for a drawing to award \$100 of Phillips 66 gasoline to the winner. The tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and may be purchased from any GCRT member or call 787-5613. The drawing will be held December 23.

### Post City Radio new web site

Post City Radio has a slightly new name... postcityradio.net, following a recent change of web server host. Recently it's been determined that streaming is best received by modems no faster than 56k.

### Blood drive set January 4

A blood drive has been announced for Thursday, January 4 in Post. Contact Paul Jones for more details at 495-2946.



Anthony Pereira (right) takes time out from shopping at Old Mill Trade Days to tell Santa about his wish list. Santa spent several hours at the event helping the Post High School Spanish Club in a fund raising project for the planned trip to Spain next summer. (Santa is also known as Rodney Tidwell)

## Toxicology reports on driver negative

Toxicology reports conducted as part of the investigation into the Nov. 6 automobile collision that claimed the life of 20-year-old Post resident were negative, according to a report from the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Justin Rudd died as a result of injuries sustained in a collision between a 1988 Ford pickup in which he was a passenger and a 2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse driven by Cassandra Miller of Post, according to reports.

The accident occurred at approximately 2:50 p.m. at the intersection of 8th Street and Avenue Q.

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**Births**

**Madison Breann Roye**

Mark and Lorrye Roye of O'Donnell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Breann. Madison was born November 16, 2000 at 7:05 p.m. in University Medical Center. She weighed four pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 inches long. Madison's grandparents are Bruce and Debbie Ledbetter of Post and Joe and Joylene Roye of O'Donnell. Great Grandparents are Myra Cooper and Mack and Lola Ledbetter of Post and Jim and Ruby Anderson of O'Donnell and Cecil and Patty Roye of Breckenridge. Madison has one aunt, LaRinda Ledbetter of Post and one uncle Matthew Ledbetter of Lubbock.



Madison Breann Roye



Wanda and Don Moore

**Judy's Jabberin'**

By Judy B. Bush

This will be a short version this week. I just want to let you all know how much your calls or remarks mean to me.

I very much enjoy writing the column every week and I'm happy that so many of you enjoy reading it.

As we come once again to this holy season, remember just that. It is a most holy season, so share with your family the real meaning of Christmas. Stop all the rushing and enjoy the time with your family, but most of all know that I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas!



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May the light and love of the season shine on you. Merry Christmas to all!



Till Next Week

Guess that is all. Merry Christmas!

**First United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Service**

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For unto us a Child is born,  
a Son is given.

**Don and Wanda Moore celebrate 50th anniversary**

A dinner honoring Don M. and Wanda Moore on their 50th anniversary was recently hosted by Linda Runkles at the Cattle Baron restaurant in Midland.

Attending were the couple's daughters, Carol and Marshall Glosson and Rebecca and Scott Richardson. Also present were grandsons Cheyne Ausley and Matthew Glosson. Their son, David, and wife, Sharon, reside in Arlington.

The couple wed Dec. 1, 1950, at the First Baptist Church in Post with the Rev. T.M. Gillham officiating.

Moore retired from Rogers Ford, and his wife, the daughter of Chief and Alylene Runkles of Post, is retired from H.S.A. Mortgage. She is presently employed with Midland Insurance Services.

The Moores have been residents of Midland since 1963.

**DCF hosts Christmas party**

Employees of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility and their families attended a Christmas party Sunday afternoon at the Post Community Center.

Santa Claus was on hand, as was the Grinch. Both were available for

pictures with the children in attendance.

Games were available for the children, and a background of Christmas music helped set the mood for the festive atmosphere. Lots of food was served.

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**Knowles earns recognition at sheriff's meet**

Ken Knowles, owner of Central Bail Bonds in Post, was a guest speaker at the Sheriff's Association of Texas Newly-Elected Sheriff's Seminar Dec. 4-8. The event was held in the Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Austin.

Knowles is president of the Professional Bondsmen of Texas and a founding member of the Professional Bail Agents of the United States.

Knowles holds a Certified Bail Agents Degree, the highest education recognition in the industry, and has been in the bail bond business for more than 22 years.

In October, he was named one of the leading bail bondsmen of the 20th Century by the Bail Bond Chronicles, the national trade publication of the bail bond industry. The publication noted that Knowles' recognition was one "of men and women who have devoted a great deal of their lives to the enhancement of the bail bond professional and who have a firm grip on the wheel in steering the profession into the 21st Century."

Kelley McClelland, editor of the publication, said, "Ken Knowles changed the late show image of the store front vest pocket bondsman in north central Texas. He is an active participant in community fund raisers and business organizations. He has spoken widely to many organizations throughout the area."

"How Texas goes is much importance to our industry, and the state is in good hands with an honorable man like Ken Knowles."

**Lunch Menus**

**Trailblazers**

Monday, December 25

Holiday

Tuesday, December 26

Holiday

Wednesday, December 27

Catfish, baked beans, coleslaw,

okra, cornbread and fruit salad.

Thursday, December 28

Salsbury steak, green peas,

cauliflower w/cheese sauce, wheat roll,

pears and gingerbread.

Friday, December 29

Salmon patty, scalloped potatoes,

spinach, salad, wheat roll and

chocolate cake.

*Season's Greetings*



CitizensBank staff members in Post sending Season's Greetings in person every day are (back row, left to right) Donna Baker Raquel Britton, Camille Blevins, Candi Reed, Jana McCallister, Kay Wallace, Christie Curb, (front) Fred Myers and Linda Waldrip.

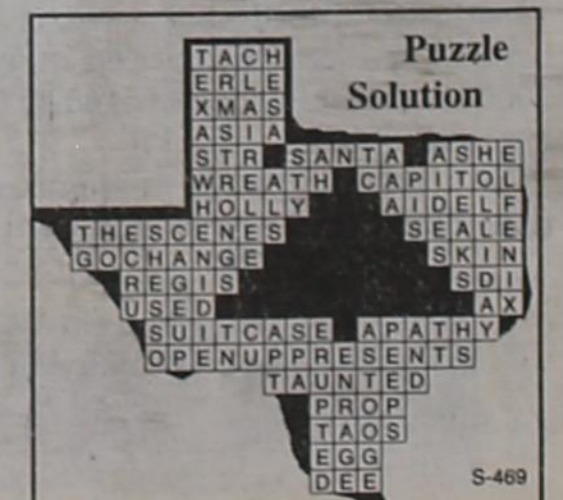
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## WTC conducts classes in Post

Western Texas College, in cooperation with the Dalby Correctional Facility, the Garza County Juvenile Detention Center and Post High School, will begin instruction in criminal justice classes in Post beginning in January.

The goal is to offer two classes per semester in criminal justice until the entire sequence for both the degree and certificate courses have been completed. Each class will be offered at two different times in order to provide all interested individuals the opportunity to participate.

Day classes will meet once a week, 1:30-4:30 p.m., and night classes will meet once a week, 6:30-9:20 p.m.

The following schedule will be observed (classroom locations will be determined following registration):

Intro to Criminal Law — Tuesdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Correctional Administration — Fridays, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Intro to Criminal Law — Thursdays — 6:30-9:20 p.m.

Correctional Administration — Tuesdays, 6:30-9:20 p.m.

Academic classes (English, computer science, speech, history, sociology, psychology, etc.) will begin during the summer months.

Students who have completed correctional officer training may qualify for up to six hours of college credit, which will apply toward the degree.

Tuition for most courses will be \$151 plus textbooks (\$60-85 each). Two courses would cost \$262. Credit cards are accepted, and payment options are available. Students taking at least two courses per semester may apply for federal financial aid (Pell Grant) using the FAFSA form available through the public schools and WTC.

Applications may be submitted in paper (allow four weeks) or by Internet (allow two weeks to process).

Military veterans may submit their DD-214 for evaluation to Dan Dever, veterans affair officer at WTC, at 915-573-0289. Qualified Texas veterans may receive tuition waivers.

Registration will be Jan. 8 from 2:30-6:30 p.m. at the Garza County Juvenile Detention Center. Counselors will be available to assist with degree plans.

For more information, call the WTC vocational instructional division at 915-573-8511, ext. 250 after Jan. 2.

## Beware of solicitors

The Salvation Army wants to inform area residents that it does not solicit door-to-door or by telephone.

The only solicitations made by The Salvation Army are through mail appeals or the Red Kettle Program, where official representatives are seen with the red kettle at the entrances of area merchants, according to a news release dated Dec. 15. The only other solicitation the organization endorses is the occasional clothing, toy or food drive through other local service organizations, groups or churches which target specific programs.

"Before you donate to telephone or door-to-door solicitors for The Salvation Army, please call 765-9434 to verify the solicitor's identity and source," said Major Mark Satterlee, commanding officer.

## Movie Hints

Editor's Note: This column is strictly the opinion of the writer, and is provided from time-to-time for the enjoyment of our readers.

by Schahara Hudelson

Since there will be lots of movie going during these holidays, I am including the current movies that I have seen just in case you might like to have a review of them handy.

**WHAT WOMEN WANT** (8 1/2) Mel Gibson & Helen Hunt: oh ok, with a softer side showing, she won me over in this movie...Gibson, in his usual cocky male role, also shows his feminine side, with some VERY funny moments. A Gibson dance scene a la Gene Kelly, worth the trip to the movie. Great Sinatra music! A fun movie.

**VERTICAL LIMIT** (9) Scott Glenn, Bill Paxton, Chris O'Donnell and relative unknowns play against the icy, snowy star of this movie: MOUNTAINS. Like Perfect Storm, the elements take over the movie and make for suspenseful filmmaking. Intense, life threatening climbing. This movie did not tempt me in the least to take up the sport. You will cringe and jump more than once during this madcap snowcapped adventure! GORGEOUS scenery. Good movie.

**PROOF OF LIFE** (9) This is the movie supposedly responsible for Meg Ryan & Dennis Quaid's wedded bliss to end. Still, Russell Crowe and Meg Ryan have no torrid love affair in this movie about search and rescue & terrorism. Suspenseful and well made movie. Caruso & Morse in supporting roles. Some language. Beautiful scenery. Worth the trip to the theater.

**UNBREAKABLE** (2) Hellooooo??? If there are 5 more unappealing actors cast in the same movie anywhere, than Bruce Willis, Robin Wright-Penn, their son (whoever he was), and Samuel Jackson, someone help me out here! Tell me!!! Director Shyamalin (6th Sense) pulls the old Alfred Hitchcock cameo move; dramatic music, and darkness, Shyamalin attempts to pull some sort of allure together in this ridiculous excuse for entertainment, but nothing can save this sham of a good versus evil type film. Shame on you Bruce! Penn is her usual frumpy, lousy acting, pathetic in the hair department, self. Samuel Jackson needs a trip to the hair salon and acting lessons, and a comatose Bruce Willis bares it all—his head of course. I wish he would make up his mind if he has hair or he doesn't. His head was the only thing shining in this film. Go to the bookstore instead.

**BOUNCE** (7) Former real life couple, Gwyneth Paltrow & Ben Affleck star in this twist of fate love story. I expected more chemistry; these two are more like brother and sister. Affleck is, however, beginning to win me over via this movie but the ever soulful Paltrow can bring out honest emotions from anyone as she has that on screen power. She is becoming one of my favorites. I still ask the question though: are there any other actresses out there besides, Charlize Theron, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Helen Hunt? It must be tough on other actresses in Hollywood. Great wise cracking role from Affleck's office assistant. Paltrow is good as always. Movie was a little slow for me, but worth my early bird ticket.

## Theta ETA Chapter holds auction at Dec. meeting

by Pam Owen

Amidst beautiful decorations, the Theta ETA Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held its monthly meeting and Christmas auction Dec. 4.

With the O'Donnell members hosting, the site of the Christmas event was Walrup's Well near Lamesa. Enjoying wonderful food and company, the chapter members listened to Irene Rieck of Brownfield present a program on the "Black Madonna."

President D'Anne Bishop of Post led the group in the regular order of business, including:

- Several more individualized quilt blocks being turned in for the spring project;

- Plans for the 72nd Alpha State Convention to be held in Lubbock in June;
- The next meeting date — Feb. 5 — will be in Brownfield. The program will be "Character Count."

With festive Christmas singing and rapid bidding for auction items, the chapter celebrated the joy of friendship and the hopes of a new year.

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## Share the Holiday Spirit With Family, Friends and Beautiful Music

Gathering 'round a fire, with family and friends, singing Christmas songs that represent the joy of the holiday season is a wonderful way to spend this special time with those you love. With so many Christmas songs, it is difficult to remember the correct words to each of them. Here are the words to a popular Christmas song to get the song-singing off on the right start.

### The Christmas Song

Lyrics by Mel Torme

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire  
Jack Frost nipping at your nose  
Yuletide carols being sung by a choir  
And folks dressed up like Eskimos  
Everybody knows a turkey and some  
Mistletoe help to make the season bright  
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow  
Will find it hard to sleep tonight  
They know that Santa's on his way  
He's loaded lots of toys and goodies  
On his sleigh  
And every mother's  
Child is gonna spy to see if  
Reindeer really know how to fly  
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# Obituaries

## Matt Moerbe

Graveside services for Matt Moerbe, 18, were held in the Green Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. David W. Rohde officiating under the direction of Englund's of Slaton.



He died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000.  
Born Oct. 23, 1982, to Douglas Moerbe and Connie Duren, he attended school in Slaton and played football in his seventh and eighth grade years. He transferred to the Wilson School District for the ninth grade and was enrolled as a senior at Wilson High School. He participated in FFA until the end of his junior year. He was active in St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson, serving as an acolyte for worship services in his younger years. Following his May 18, 1997, confirmation, he served the church by collecting offerings and ushering during communion services. He participated in various church youth group activities.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Connie and Kelly Duren of Slaton; his father, Douglas Moerbe of Ropesville; two sisters, Tiffany Moerbe of College Station and BreeAnn Moerbe of Lubbock; his paternal grandparents, Johnny and Dorothy Moerbe of Wolfforth; his maternal grandmother, Mildred Talkmitt of Slaton; his paternal stepgrandmother, Bonnie Duren of Post; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.  
The family has requested memorials be made to the St. Paul Lutheran Church or St. Paul Lutheran Youth Group, P.O. Box 136, Wilson, TX 79381.

## Santiago Hernandez Jr.

Services for Santiago Hernandez Jr., 36, of Post were held Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church with the Rev. Malcolm Neyland officiating. Rosary was Friday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Hudman Funeral Home. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born May 20, 1964, in Mexico, he married Ester Lopez in Post. A resident of Post for the past 20 years, he was employed by Rocker A in the oilfield and was a member of the Catholic church.

Survivors include his wife, Ester, of Post; four daughters, Elizabeth Hernandez, Veronica Hernandez and Crystal Hernandez, all of Post, and Esmeralda Perez of Amarillo; two sons, Jonathon Hernandez of Post and Elliot Perez of Hobbs, N.M.; his father, Santiago Hernandez Sr. of Mexico; five brothers, David Hernandez, Jaime Hernandez, Juan Hernandez and Jose Hernandez, all of Post, and Gabriel Hernandez of Chicago, Ill.; and four sisters, Evangelina Perez, Gloria Hernandez, Emma Gonzales and Maria del Refugio Rosales, all of Mexico.

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## The history of the 'Twelve Days of Christmas'

There is one Christmas carol that has had me baffled. What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially that partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas? Here is the explanation:

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning; the surface meaning, plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.  
Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.  
Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.  
The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.  
Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a milking were the eight beatitudes.  
Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control.  
The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.

Eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.  
Twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.  
So there is your history lesson for today.

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BY JOHN LEHTI

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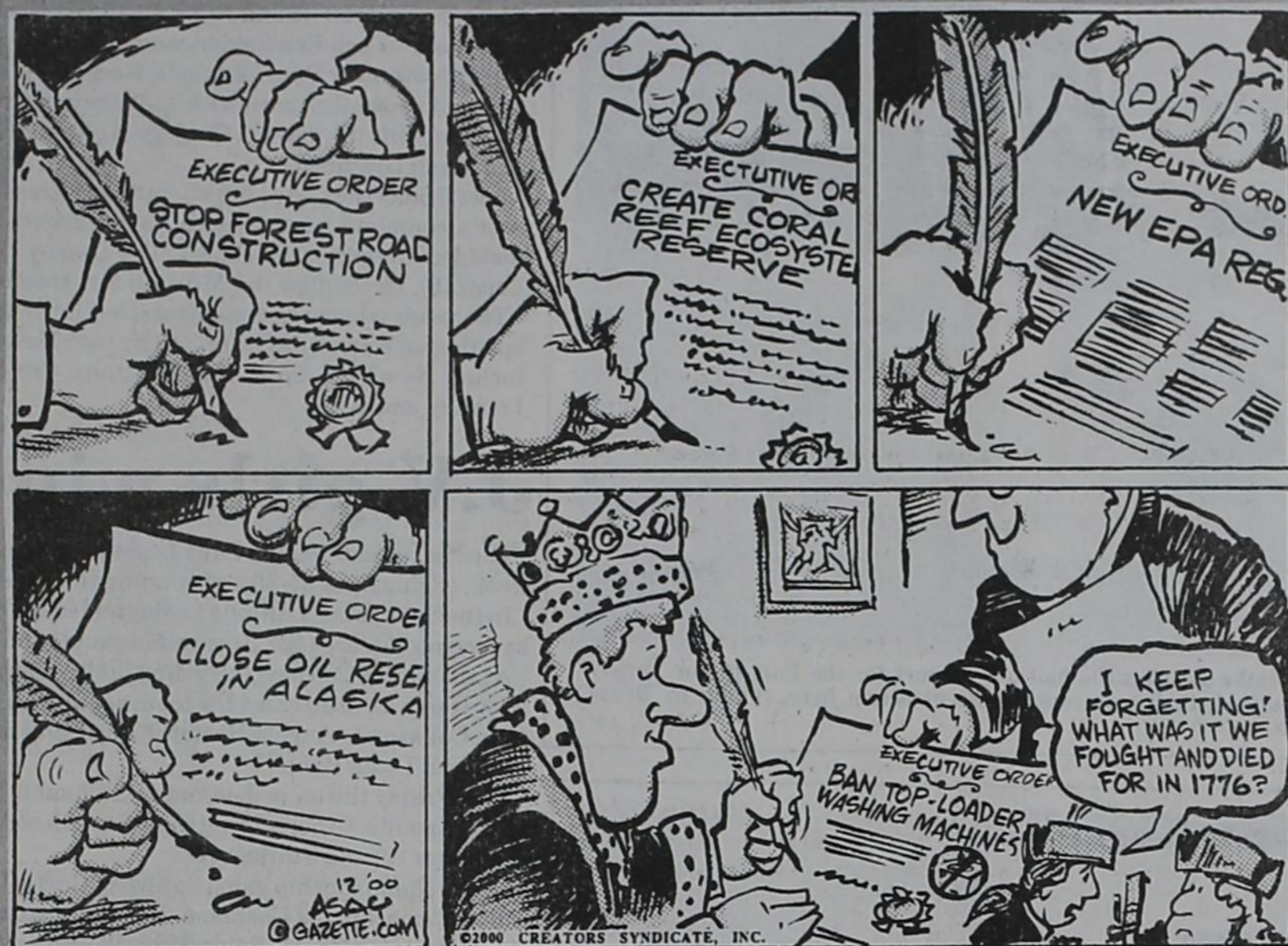
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# Opinions



## And thereafter, law and economics

by Walter E. Williams



Rather than my usual fall schedule of teaching in the Economics Department at George Mason University, I taught "The Economic Foundations of Legal Studies" at the university's School of Law to first-year law students.

Economics is no stranger at George Mason's Law School. It's home to the Law and Economics Center directed by Frank Buckley. Under the leadership of Dean Mark Grady, the study of economics is a required integral part of the law program.

In fact, GMU Law School has a national and international reputation for excellence in the relatively new field of law and economics. It's important for legal practitioners to have at least a working knowledge of economics. Why?

Because most of what lawyers and judges do has economic implications and can be informed by economics. In their jobs as attorney generals, judges, and sometimes legislators, an understanding of economics might help them avoid grossly uninformed pronouncements and harmful policy.

Let's look at just a couple of cases where a bit of economic understanding might help. When there's a natural disaster, prices tend to skyrocket. That's what we saw in the wake of hurricanes Andrew and Floyd. States' attorney generals threatened to prosecute businesses for "price-gouging."

They simply didn't understand the role of prices. What kind of behavior serves the social interests in the wake of a disaster? At least two: People should conserve on the use of suddenly scarce resources (food, plywood, gas and so on), and producers should produce more.

Rising prices create incentives for consumers to abandon reckless consumption and for producers to produce more. Rising prices not only accomplish those two goals, but they do so voluntarily. Another important concept for legal practitioners is opportunity cost — there's no free lunch.

Say you've been selling coffee to me from your large inventory for \$6 a pound. Crop disaster in Brazil spikes the world coffee price to \$10 a

pound. What will you charge me now? If you said at least \$10, go to the head of the class. Why? Because the opportunity cost of coffee is now \$10. What coffee cost before the disaster is irrelevant.

That's no different from the fact that even though you might have paid only \$40,000 for your home 30 years ago has nothing to do with its price today. What it costs to buy a similar home helps determine today's selling price. What's the relevance?

When OPEC actions led to a surge in gasoline prices, some of our lawmakers talked about investigations and possible prosecution of U.S. oil companies for price-gouging. They could understand how prices of gasoline might rise after the OPEC action, but couldn't understand why oil companies were charging higher prices for oil products already in the pipeline, purchased long before the OPEC action.

That's just like the coffee or house example. Historical costs, or what was paid in the past, do not determine today's price. My law students would be able to inform these lawmakers about the concept of opportunity costs.

At the risk of appearing to be self-serving, I contend that any law school graduate bereft of basic economics cannot possibly understand the law as well as his counterpart who knows some economics. The good news is that an increasing number of law schools have made economics a mandatory part of their curriculum.

Better news is that through the auspices of George Mason's Law and Economics Center, workshops and seminars are conducted for federal judges so they can learn about the important connections between law and economics.

In the spirit of equal opportunity, the center also conducts workshops and seminars where economists get to learn something about law.

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## It's time to draw the line!

by Vin Suprynowicz

Gail Atwater, of Lago Vista, Tex., says she'd run into local policeman Bart Turek before.

The officer had previously stopped her for suspicion of driving without having her 4-year-old son belted into her pickup truck. In that first case, however, Atwater says Turek did not cite her, since it turned out her son was, indeed, wearing his seat belt.

She wasn't as lucky the second time. A toy had fallen out of their truck, and Atwater says she'd instructed both her son and daughter — age 6 — to undo their belts so they could crane their heads out the window, searching for the missing item as their mother drive the truck at 15 mph down an otherwise abandoned dirt road.

Sure enough, the ever vigilant Officer Turek chose that moment to show up again. When she was unable to produce her driver's license and registration for the officer — telling him her purse had been stolen — he became enraged, Atwater contends.

"You're going to jail!" she says the officer told her.

What's undisputed is that Gail Atwater, 45, was indeed arrested, handcuffed, and locked in a jail cell for about an hour on that day back in 1997, until she could post \$310 bail. And all this happened even though Texas law does not stipulate any jail time, even for those convicted of the offense of "not wearing a seat belt."

Atwater later pleaded "no contest" to three seat belt violations, paying \$50 for each. She was also charged \$110 in towing fees.

She asked the city to refund the \$110, but received no satisfaction. So she and her husband — an emergency room physician — went to court.

Monday — their house long since sold and having borrowed money from their parents for \$110,000 in legal fees to date — the Atwaters and their case reached the U.S. Supreme Court, which heard arguments on whether Atwater's arrest and jailing violate the Fourth Amendment, which bans unreasonable searches and seizures.

Lawyers for the city argued "The state of Texas has a very significant interest in making sure that toddlers are wearing their seat belts so they won't be harmed or killed in accidents."

But Atwater's attorney, Robert DeCarli, responded "Every driver, if they get caught committing a traffic violation, they expect to get a ticket. Nobody expects to be handcuffed and taken to jail."

"You've got the perfect case," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor told Atwater's attorney in court Monday. Then, turning to the city's attorney, she chimed, "Even knowing it was a mother with two small children in a small town. ... This is kind of an amazing case. But you think that's fine."

Unfortunately, other justices seemed more tolerant of such oppression. "It is not a constitutional violation for a police officer to be a jerk," snarled Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Nonetheless, as Justice O'Connor seems to have sensed, in this

case the state (having backed Officer Turek's call) is dead wrong.

Sure, most citizens would grant government some authority to restrict obviously dangerous behaviors on the roads. But this notion that officials can and should be empowered to stop and arrest and jail anyone, anywhere, because the authorities have some "compelling interest" in child welfare is very dangerous. In theory, don't we all collectively incur some of the "costs" if children aren't given properly balance diets? Should child welfare workers therefore be allowed to break in our doors at mealtime and conduct "spot vegetable inspections" ... without a warrant?

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety," Ben Franklin warned us in 1759.

If this is to remain a free country, responsible adults must retain a certain leeway to exercise their own discretion as to when it is or is not sensible to have their kids "buckled up." And even if it was appropriate to fine Ms. Atwater that \$150, arresting and jailing her — thus necessitating the towing of her truck — for such a minor offense was, by definition, "unreasonable."

The high court has done some absurd hair-splitting of late, as in their decision in the case of the Indiana drug checkpoints last week, ruling police can't randomly stop drivers to look for drugs ... though it's still OK to stop us to see if we're drunk, or just to "check our papers" ... whereupon any drug offense they detect becomes fair game.

Instead of dreaming up such finer and finer distinctions — if we are indeed to restore our promised government of "powers sharply limited" — the court's job now is clearly to re-establish a "default setting" which restricts the government from interfering in any but the most egregious threats to the public safety.

And Gail Atwater's actions did not constitute such a danger.

Here's hoping the Supreme Court vindicates Ms. Atwater, and sends our police back to running down kidnapers, murderers, and thieves.

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## Winning Freedom in the 21st century

by Richard M. Ebeling  
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As the 20th century reaches its end, here at The Future of Freedom Foundation we have been taking stock of the prospects for liberty in the 21st century. On the plus side, the evil face of totalitarian collectivism has passed into the dustbin of history, and hopefully forever. Communism, fascism, and Nazism are closed chapters with few advocates and defenders left — except for some bands of Marxian and socialist true believers on American academic campuses around the country, who seem permanently resistant to either logic or facts.

Everywhere around the globe the free market is hailed as the only path for prosperity and innovation. Trade, commerce, and free enterprise are heralded as the new standard for judging and constructing economic policy. Privatization and economic liberalization are declared to be the guiding principles for nations around the world. So clearly, freedom has triumphed! The fight for liberty has been won! The battle has ended in freedom's victory!

If only it were so. Unfortunately, once we take a look behind the banners and the catch-phrases, the reality is very different. In fact, freedom in America is under attack from practically every direction. The Constitution that was given to us by our Founding Fathers has been transformed into a pliable "living document," which is twisted and bent to serve the changing fads and fashions of every special-interest group and a wide variety of ideological dreamers and political meddlers.

No corner of our society is free from the intrusive and manipulating hand of government. Our businesses and industry are regulated. Control over the use and disposal of our private property has been usurped by every level of government. Our income and wealth are heavily taxed. Our personal and consumption choices are confined within the paternalistic oversight of both liberal and conservative social engineers claiming to know what is good for each and every one of us.

In the name of a government war on drugs, our homes are invaded, our possessions rifled through and confiscated, and our lives threatened and sometimes forfeited. In the name of a government war on racial and sexual inequality, we are told how to speak, how to act, how we may manage our businesses, and with whom we may associate in various social settings. In the name of a government war against illiteracy, a political elite dictates the content of the education our children receive and indoctrinates the youth of America to be spies on their parents and obedient foot soldiers in a campaign for cultural and ecological social engineering.

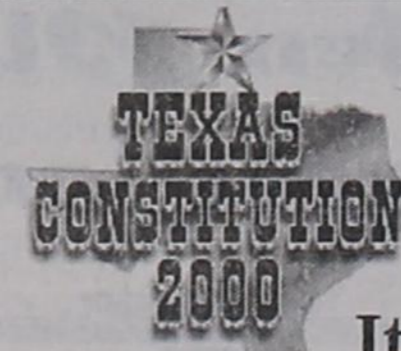
The list could go on for pages. In every other country around the world, similar lists of government intrusions, controls, manipulations, redistributions, and regulations can be constructed. And the heralded new era of global free trade is in reality a perversion of language to cover a continuation of intergovernmental managed trade. The world is not free — far from it! And this applies to America as well, and in many cases even more so than in some other countries.

In other words, at this threshold to a new century, the fight for freedom is not only not won, it has really only just begun. After a hundred years of experiments with practically every imaginable form of collectivism and interventionist-welfare statism, Americans, as well as the vast majority of our fellow human beings around the world, have little understanding of what freedom and a truly free society mean. When in the same breath that the free market is praised, it is said to be compatible with and indeed inseparable from redistribution of wealth, regulation of private enterprise, central planning of health care and the environment, and the social engineering of racial, ethnic, and gender relationships, it is clear that our fellow Americans and most others on the planet now live in an Orwellian world of "newspeak" in which the meanings of words are reversed and perverted.

Never before, therefore, has there been a greater need for a clear understanding of the meaning of freedom, down-to-earth explanations of what freedom means in practice, and commonsensical and insightful refutations of the fallacies and confusions in contemporary political debate. Without them, individual freedom and a truly free-market society will never be won, in either our own lifetime or that of our children and grandchildren.

At The Future of Freedom Foundation, winning liberty has been and remains our task. Over a decade ago, Jacob Hornberger and I concluded that in spite of the growing number of organizations defending freedom and the market society, there was lacking a particular emphasis in most if not all of them. They almost always had one primary goal: to formulate market-oriented policy prescriptions in the arena of political debate as concrete alternatives to the proposals being made by the interventionists and the welfare society. We conceived of an organization that would deal with and reply to the erroneous and dangerous arguments for more government control, but not in the context of limited and makeshift proposals to do battle with every concrete piece of statist legislation coming before Congress and the state legislatures.

Instead, we would use the opportunity of refuting these statist policy proposals to formulate and defend the ideal of the fully free-market society. By using this as our benchmark and standard, we would not only demonstrate the errors and mistakes in the various interventionist-welfare statist policies but clearly outline the final freedom ideal in every facet of life that should be the point on the horizon towards which we should always be trying to move as a society.



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## Antelopes whip Spur, Kress

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team has hit a groove, overtaking Spur 47-42 and clipping Kress 48-45 in action last week.

"We played sort of like the road conditions," coach Dane Vickers observed, "icy, slipping and sliding our way to a win." The coach reported that the trip home Tuesday (12/12/00) took two hours as the road had iced over.

Scoring for the 'Lopes included Michael Huff (17), Raul Ortiz (8), Tyrone Jefferson (5), Brandon Bell (5), Dane Vickers (4), Brody Robertson (3), Clinton Curtis (3) and Justin Norman (2).

On Friday evening the 'Lopes led throughout the game here with Kress, but saw their 11 point lead slip in the waning moments. Going into the final two minutes, Spur tied the ball game. "But we did what it took to win," Vickers added, "and that's what I like about this team, they do what it takes to win."

"It was a great game to watch," the coach said, "but it was tough on the coach."

Huff led the team with 16 points, followed by Jefferson (10), Ortiz (8), Robertson (5), Vickers (4), Curtis (2), Norman (2) and Mitchell Mills (1).

The team will compete at the Crosbyton Classic December 27-29, opening up against Spur on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Other teams at the tourney include Ralls, Lockney, Memphis, Anton, New Deal, Motley County, Guthrie, Petersburg, Dawson and Crosbyton.

## J.V. boys continue winning

The junior varsity 'Lopes landed a 36-30 win over Meadow Dec. 5.

Brody Robertson topped scoring with 17 points, followed by Kenny Ratke with seven points. Others adding to the 'Lopes' point total included Brandon Bell with five points, Brice Easterling with three points and Noah Gutierrez and Ty Mason, two points apiece.

"We started off a little shaky, but we bounced back and played a great second half to come away with the win," the coach said.

An all-around effort afforded the 'Lopes a 42-18 win over Spur Dec. 12.

John Eilenberger had 17 points in the game, Seth Redman had eight points, Gutierrez had seven points, Ratke poured in six points and Mason, four points.

The team scored a 60-38 win over New Home in their first game of the Sands Tournament.

Ratke had 19 points in the game and Eilenberger had 16. Redman scored nine points, followed by Gutierrez with five, Mason with four, Mark Norman with three and Easterling and Francisco Duran with two points each.

"The team played very well," the coach said. "Everything we put up was going in. It was a good game for the guys."

The team dropped its second game in the tourney to O'Donnell by a score of 53-39.

Eilenberger had 19 points in the game, followed by Ratke with seven, Mason with six, Gutierrez with five and Redman, two points.

A win in their third game of the tournament gave the 'Lopes a third place finish in the tournament. The squad defeated Sands by a score of 40-28.

Eilenberger led scoring with 10, followed by Easterling and Gutierrez with eight points each, Mason with six, Redman with five and Norman with three.

## 8th grade boys lose one

The eighth grade boys dropped a game to New Deal by a score of 38-24 on Dec. 11.

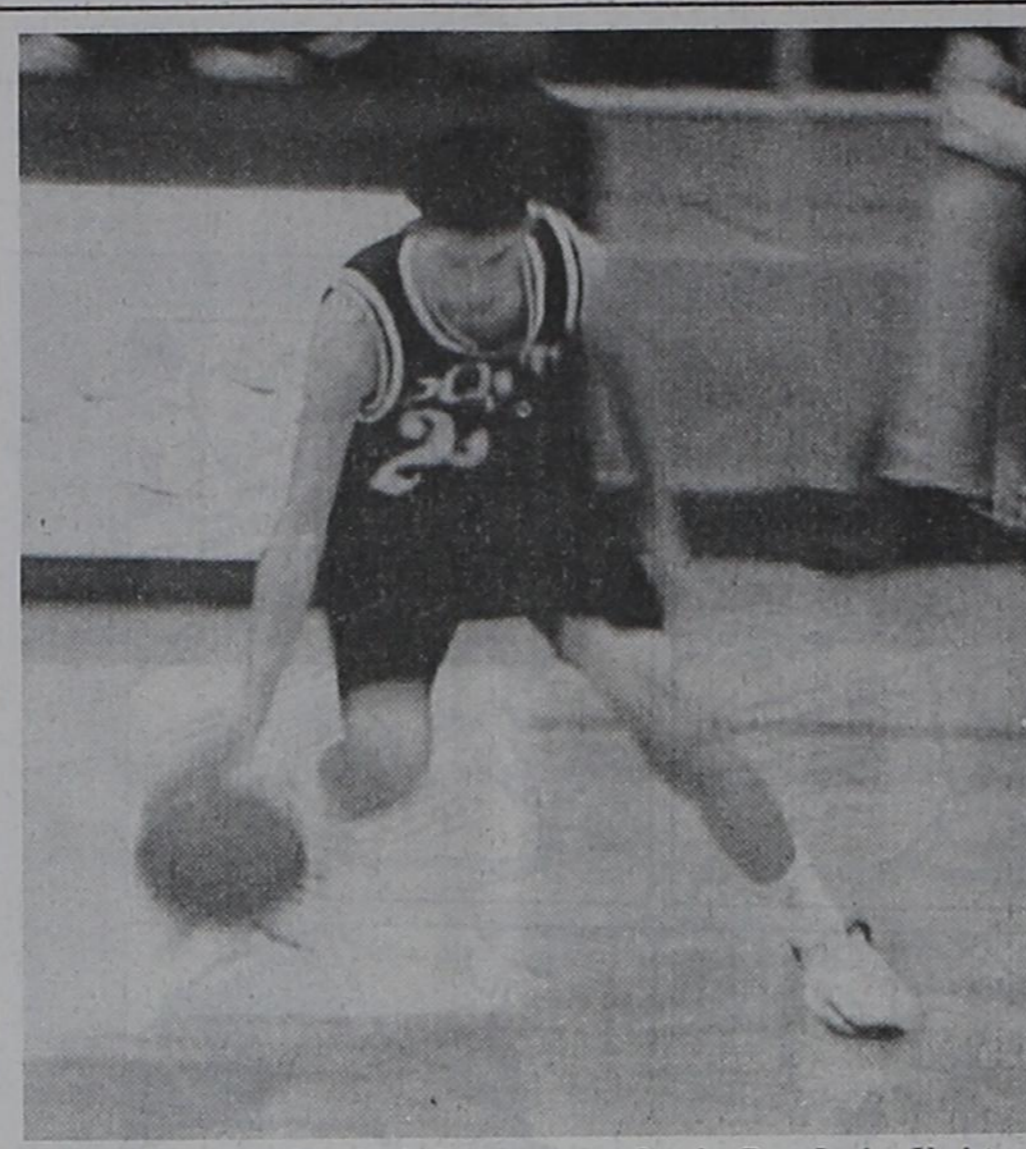
Jarred Grisham led scoring for the 'Lopes, putting eight points on the board. Tony Garay had six points, Jett Lott had five, Randon Blacklock and Joshua Hair each had four points, and Koko Valdez had two points.

## New Deal outguns 9th graders

The Post High School freshmen boys lost to New Deal 42-29.

The game was close initially, with an 11-8 spread in favor of New Deal at the end of the first quarter. Post pulled ahead in the second, scoring 11 points to New Deal's five points. New Deal rallied in the final two quarters to take the win.

Mark Norman led scoring with 12 points, with Mitch Holly scoring eight points, Francisco Duran, six points, and Carlos Hernandez, two points.



Kenny Ratke Jr takes the ball down court for the Post Junior Varsity Antelope basketball team during recent action here. (Photo by Bruce Ledbetter)



Fighting for the basketball at a recent Post Junior Varsity Lady Lope game were Regina Collazo, LaRinda Ledbetter and Jessica Mason. (Photo by Bruce Ledbetter)

## Lady Lopes dominate foes

The Post Lady Lopes continue racking up wins on the basketball court, whipping Spur 53-36 and Kress 60-15 last week. "We're playing pretty good right now," coach Ron Taylor comments, "it's great to see the consistency."

In the win over Spur Manuela Hernandez was credited with 20 points, followed by Emily Smith with 11. Others putting points on the board were Meagan Mills (6), Davida Gregory (6), Tandi Humble (4), Kenda Looney (4) and Vondi Gradine (1).

Last Friday the Lady Lopes hammered Kress in a 60-15 win here. "This one was a complete game," coach Taylor added. Scoring for the Lady Lopes included Gregory (15), Smith (11), Looney (10), Kelly Moore (8), Yvonne Lopez (6), Hernandez (6), Mills (2) and Humble (2).

The team travels to Crosbyton December 27 for the Crosbyton Classic, opening up Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. with Dawson. Other tournament teams include New Deal, Spur, Motley County, Crosbyton, Memphis, Petersburg, Lockney and Ralls.

## J.V. girls win 2 more

The Post Junior Varsity Lady Lopes put two more wins on their record last week, edging Spur 35-30 and winning the Sands tournament last weekend. In the Spur game, LaRinda Ledbetter led the team with 12 points, followed by Regina Collazo (12), Jessica Mason (8) and Terri Curtis (4).

At the Sands tourney, the young ladies opened up with a 53-31 win over New Home. Ledbetter led the team again with 17 points, followed by Mason (16), Collazo (9), Angela Hester (6), Tayler Starkey (2), Amanda Workman (2) and K'Leigh Babb (1).

Last Friday the team dominated O'Donnell 38-29, as Mason led the team with 17 points. Other scoring came from Hester (6), Curtis (5), Workman (5), Ledbetter (2) and Starkey (1).

In the championship game Saturday Curtis led the team with 17 points in a 54-41 smacking of Coahoma. Ledbetter scored 15, Collazo got 12, Mason was credited with 11, followed by Workman (4), Heather Palmer (2) and Starkey (1).

## 7th grade boys compete

The seventh grade 'Lopes lost a close one to Sundown Nov. 27.

Stace Norman led scoring in the 23-18 battle, putting eight points on the board. Sterling Smith and Kenny Garay each had four points and Israel Barbosa had two points.

"The kids never gave it up and tried very hard," Coach Steve Peña said. On Dec. 4, the squad squeaked past Tahoka 34-33.

Smith led scoring with 11, followed by Barbosa with 10 points. Norman and Garay each had four points, Jace Pollard had three points and Keith Meredith earned two points.

"It was a very close game, but the boys handled the pressure and came out with a good win," the coach said.

The team was handed another loss Dec. 11, dropped a 41-26 decision, to New Deal.

Smith had 11 points in the game, while Garay had six, Meredith had four, Barbosa had three and Norman, two points.

"The boys took a big loss, but learned that they must pay attention to the little things to get better," Peña said.

The team's season record stands at 4-3. Their district record is 2-2.

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Love,  
Enrique Enriquez

**Dear Santa**  
How are you doing? I want to tell you how good I have been to my mom and my little niece. I want a stuff cow on Christmas. So I want to now how your randir's are I want a lunchbox too and a basketball goal. How are your elves?  
Love,  
Samantha Armendariz

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good to my mom and Dad and my sister and Brother. I want a baby bear and a new pretty dress and a jump rope. New pair of shoes, and lunch box I hope you will give me a present. I want a present and my brother a present.  
Love,  
Helena Wiebe

**Dear Santa**  
How does Roodalf fly? Why is roodalf nose red? Tell me where you get the toys At the dollstore? I will leave you cookies and milk I want a lot of toys for christmas Please tell me when I will be happy I want a magezord for christmas and a toy sword and a toy scarecrow.  
Love,  
Tanner Odom

**Dear Santa**  
How is everything at the North Pole? I know you, your elves and your reindeer are getting ready for Christmas. I have tried to be good. Please bring me 1. train 2. picup 3. motorcycle. I will leave a treat for you, Santa.  
Love,  
Bradley Benham

**Dear Santa**  
I want new shoes (size 1), new clothes, a Gippet and makeup with 140 nails with glitter and beads. I want a backpack of Britney Spears and glitter lipsticks and lead pencils. Please. I am good.  
Cecilia

**Dear Santa**  
I want a basketball, basketball goal, and a skooter for Christmas.  
Thanks,  
Toni

**Dear Santa**  
I want a skooter, necklace and overalls.  
Your friend,  
Kaleb

**Dear Santa**  
I want some clothes, a Barbie cash register, bike, shoes, skooter, and books. I would also like some stuff to play school with: a little stand like the music teacher has for her papers, a timer, pens, pencils and music books.  
Love,  
Renae

**Dear Santa**  
I want a trampoline, t.v., 4-wheeler, computer, Gigaret, go-cart, secret message things, jeep, and a new backpack.  
Love,  
Kayla

**Dear Santa**  
How is everything at the North Pole? I know you, your elves and your reindeer are getting ready for christmas. I have tried to be good. Please bring me 1. game (playstation) 2. bik 3. clothes. I will leave a tret for you.  
Love,  
Wil Storie

**Dear Santa**  
How is everything at the North Pole? I know you, your elves and your reindeer are getting ready for christmas. I have tried to be good. Please bring me 1. talking Rescue rangers 2. kitten 3. stuffed rabbit. I will leave a treat for you. Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
Dakota McDonald

**Dear Santa**  
How is everything at the North Pole? I know you, your elves and your reindeer are getting ready for Christmas. I have tried to be good. Please bring me 1. Segu and weth gams 2. go kar 3. plashien. I will leave a treat for you. Thank you, Santa.  
Love,  
Serafin Lopez

**Dear Santa**  
I want a radio control boat with an antenna built inside. I want an airplane with wheels that go in and out. I want it to be a passenger airplane. I want a real dirt bike with a real motor. I want a radio control truck that has a trigger like a gun to make it go and a lever that goes around and it goes 100 miles an hour.  
Thanks,  
Trent

**Dear Santa**  
I will like a puppe. I have bin good but ples give me presit. I have good grads. I wash the dishes. I want a big barbe for my sister. I want noow shoos for my mom. I want a Big Borbi jep fuor my sister. I want a noow cd for my dad.  
ReBecca

**Dear Santa**  
I was good win I vaccumed the floor. I want a fire Suit. I want amicroplayer. I want a raslr of the Rok. I want a raslrer. I hav ben gud 2 at skol. I want a dog toy for Gril. How do you doin!  
Love,  
Kyle

**Dear Santa**  
I want a bow and arrow and toy Story 2 movie. I also want a new bike to ride. I want a new nsync D.D. My big sir wants a sleeping bag. My little sister wants a doll bed. Thank you Santa. I want the rock and I want a reemote control monster truck. And I want sum bilding blocks and a litsavr.  
Love,  
Travis

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good to the outhr kids and to teacher's in Southland I.S.D. and havent go to the office. I want Kane. I want the Rock. I want to be with my family. I been good be cas I howp my mom and my dad. I want to hug Santa. I want a dres for my mom and I want a T.v for my Dad.  
Love,  
Jose

**Dear Santa**  
I want the Rock. I help my mom becus I us clenem my rum. I bin ril gud in skul bec us I was lisen to my techur. I hav a techur bec us she was givin us a spel test. I bin gud in skul bec us I was seven habeburth to my frens. I have bin gud to my mom.  
Love,  
(unsigned)

**Dear Santa**  
Have you been worm this year? I have been good to my mom and dad and sister and I have been taking care of my dog's and puppies. I want for Christmas a watch. I want a baby doll. I want a ball. I want a c.d. I want a jump rope. I want a real kitten. I want a cume puter. I want a play horse. I want a play weinniedog. I want a Barbie doll. I want a pen. I want a taxes tech blaket. I want a reing. I want a pet bird. I want a geg a pet. I want a bike. I want a fan. I want a Kitty Kite. I want a bowe. I want a Christmas tee. I will leave you a snake.  
Love,  
Daegan Kensley Moore

**Dear Santa**  
How can the reindeers fly? I want a dog. I have been nice to my Mom and Dad santa I will put cookies in my room for you santa how are you doing? I wud lick a trangle and a basketball. I rily want a kite and a bear doll and a horse doll.  
Love,  
Amanda Flores

**Dear Santa**  
I want a scooter, a Barbie, and a book. I just want to say hi and that I will see you at Christmas.  
Love,  
Cheyenne

**Dear Santa**  
I would like a bike, a car, and a boat. I also would like a scooter.  
Love,  
J.J.

**Dear Santa**  
I would like some power ranger stuff. I also want a Dragon Ball Z. Merry Christmas Santa.  
Love,  
Stephen

**Dear Santa**  
I would like a new bike, a Christmas tree. That is all for now.  
Love,  
Jose

**Dear Santa**  
I want a remote control car, a new bike, and bad boy stuff. A new stereo and some cd's. I would also like a Christmas tree.  
Love,  
Trey

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good this year. I want a Gameboy Color and a CD player and a Poochie.  
Love,  
Jacob Perez  
I will give you cookies.

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good this year. I would like a poochie, scooter, a basketball. Please remember other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Kimberly Rivera

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good this year. I want a Gameboy Color and a remote control car.  
Love,  
Chris Teel

**Dear Santa**  
I want a playstation two and a newscooter and a Dragon ball Z.  
Love,  
Dale Diaz

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good this year. I would like scooter and Barbie. How is Rudoph?  
Alex Griffin

**Dear Santa**  
I have been a good boy this year. I wish for a cotton candy maker, Digimon.  
Love,  
Anthony Bishop

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good this year. I would like Play Station 2, Game boy Color and golden Scooter. Please remember my family and all the other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Brandon Shaw

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good this year. I would like clothes and a scooter and shoes. Please remember my family and all girls.  
Love,  
Rebekah Horton

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good. I would like a scooter, Barbie, Pokemon.  
Love,  
Janice Curtis

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good this year. I would like Poochie, a skateboard and a crown. Please remember my family and all the other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Hannah Kirkpatrick

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good this year. I would like Game Boy Color, Sega Green Cast, and Dragonball Z. Please remember my family and all the other Boys and girls.  
Love,  
Chris Castro

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good this year. I would like a truck and a tractor. I like you.  
Love,  
Abe Klassen

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good this year. I would like a Dragballz, Pokemon, a Scooter.  
Love,  
Jordan Curtis

**Dear Santa**  
How or you doing? I want a toy. I Like you santa and I want a santa toy, a shop toy, and I want a puppy, a toy dog, and a toy house.  
Love,  
Alex Abraham

**Dear Santa**  
I love you. I'm gwog to live you a snack. You ar nice. Your elvs are nice too. Miss Santa is nice too. Are you guys working very hard? I wnt new pokémon cards for chrismis. A new pere of boots and a new hat.  
Love,  
Colton Schoonover

**Dear Santa**  
I want a ring and a weinnie dog. A little shirt for my dog. Please give me a horse and a cat. Please I beg you. I want a captur, a grinch toy and a chapling.  
Love,  
Laurie Gatica

**Dear Santa**  
I have been Good. I think you are nice. I want the hoe 100 new poke mon cards espnesly the card lugea. Ten paks of digimon cards. The game the legend of selda magomr mask.  
Love,  
Devin Blanton

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a computer and a Karaoke machine. I will leave cookies & milk on the table for you.  
Your friend, Taylor Ann Osborn

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Alex Griffin and I have been a very good and patient little girl this year. I have helped Mommy with Hayden Hunter & Paige. Will you please bring me a Barbie Dream house, Barbies a scooter and a agnel doll, if you bring me some toys I will help Hayden and Hunter be good. I will leave you milk and cookies.  
Love, Alex Griffin

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Angel Paige Ayala. I don't want no toys, all I want from you is to PLEASE bring Alex, Hayden and Hunter something because they have helped Mommy and Daddy put up with me. I guess they have been good this year, so please leave them on your list.  
Love, Paige Ayala

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello, my name is Hayden Blythe and I really tried so hard this year to be a good boy, but if you give me one more chance, I will get better. All I want for Xmas is a bike, a scooter and a remote control car. If you bring at least one of these things I will be really good til next year. Please do not forget Alex Hunter and Paige.  
Love, Hayden Blythe

**Dear Santa,**  
Hello, my name is Hunter Blake and I thought I was a good boy this year. It was a hard job, but somebody had to do it. All I want for Xmas is a cooter, a remote control car and a helicopter. Please bring me a toy and don't forget Alex Hayden and Paige.  
Love, Hunter Blake

# Holiday Hints

## Traditional Treat Now Easier To Make

(NAPS)—What's red, delicious, and easier to make than ever before?

The answer is red velvet cake, a perennial favorite at bake sales and church suppers.

The brightly beautiful holiday treat has inspired many myths about its creation, but it was probably first created in the South more than 170 years ago by African-American slaves.

During the past 50 years, the recipe has crossed the country, and the cake's rich red color and mild chocolate flavor have made it an increasingly popular choice for special occasions such as Christmas and Valentine's Day.

Now the colorful cake can be made from a cake mix that contains traditional ingredients, such as soft wheat flour, buttermilk, cocoa, and, of course, a generous dose of red food coloring.

"We've been able to replicate all the best features of red velvet cake, while providing the convenience, reliability and consistent quality found in cake mixes," said G. Preston Elliot, brand manager for baking at Aurora Foods which makes the Duncan Hines cake mix. "In addition, Duncan Hines uses manufacturing processes to deliver a high level of moisture and a bright, even red color that are almost impossible to achieve when baking from scratch."

The mix can be used to make a stunningly distinctive red cherry torte which can easily be made with the cake mix.



Red Velvet Cake is a treat traditionally served on Christmas and Valentine's Day.

- 1 (21-ounce) can cherry pie filling
- ¼ teaspoon almond extract
- 1 (8-ounce) container frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
- ¼ cup toasted almonds
- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour two 9-inch round cake pans.
- 2) Prepare, bake and cook cake following package directions for basic recipe.
- 3) Combine cherry pie filling and almond extract in a small bowl. Stir. To assemble, place one cake layer on serving plate. Spread with one cup whipped topping, then half the pie filling mixture. Top with second cake layer. Spread remaining pie filling mixture to within 1½-inches of cake edge. Decorate cake edge with remaining whipped topping and garnish with sliced almonds.

### Red Velvet Cherry Torte

(Makes 12 to 16 servings)

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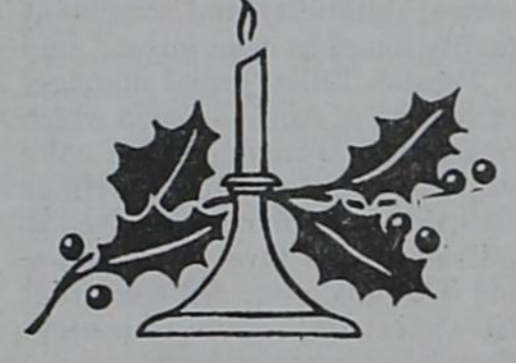
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 Jerry, Lynette and Amy Thuet  
 Ronald, Nancy and Kerry Thuet  
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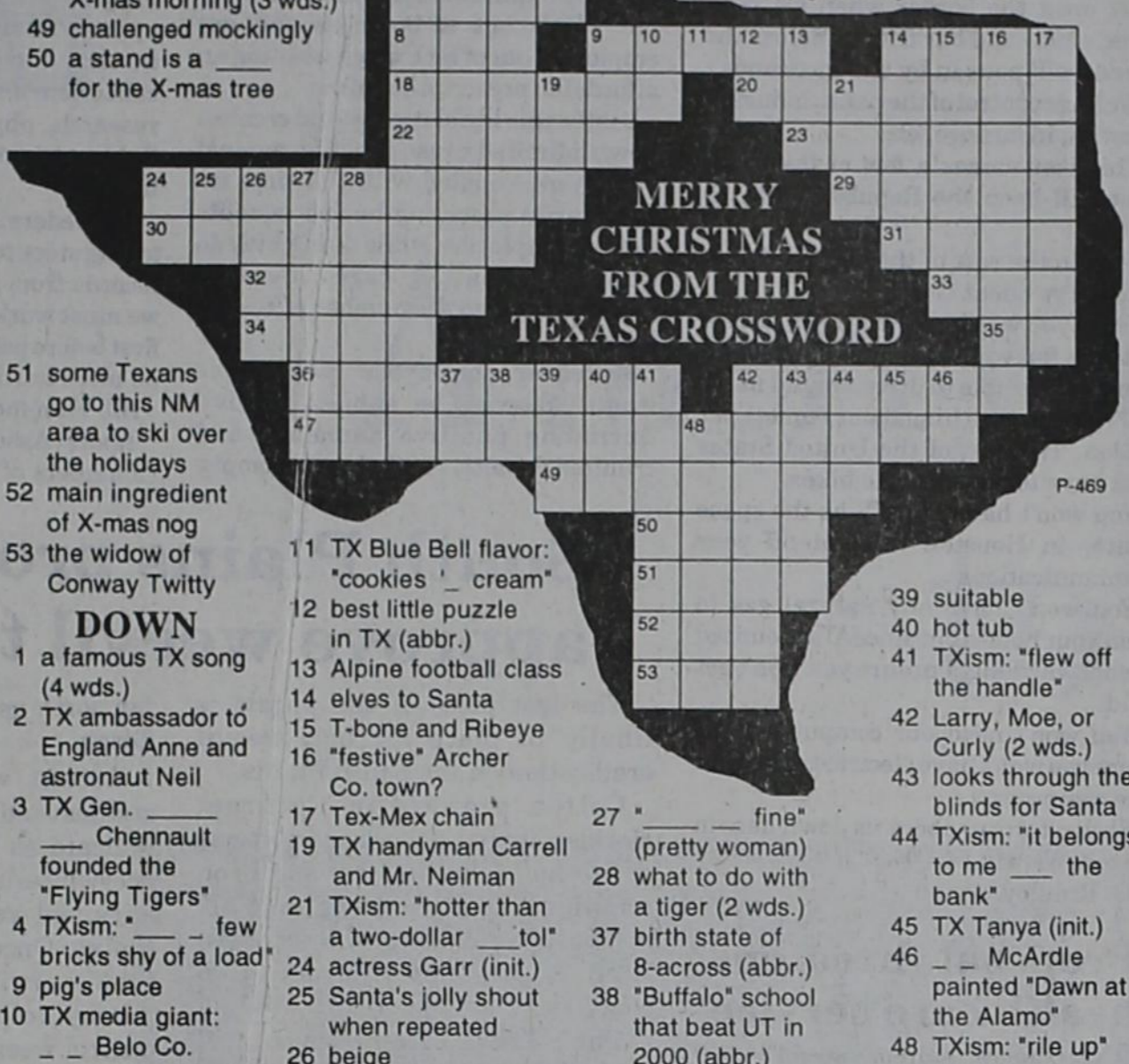
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**Yesteryears**  
by Pat Burnett

**December 19, 1990  
10 Years Ago**

Dear Santa  
I was just wondering if you was going to Eunice, N.M. for Christmas because that's where I'm going. I wode like a Go-Go puppy please make sure it is well made. Oh, thank you! That is all I want thanks.  
Angel & Camille Blevins

Dear Santa  
My name is Bruce Bevers. I would like a guitar, a Simpson's telephone, teddy bear, ninja turtle tape, a sharp defending sword that is real. That's about it. I've tried to be a real good boy, but it is hard. Be nice to my dentist too, please. Bring my brother and sister something nice too.  
Love,  
Bruce Bevers "Bug"

Dear Santa  
My name is Hayley and I've been a very good girl this year. Please bring me a baby doll and baby bed and a Candy Land game. I'll leave you milk and cookies. I love you Santa.  
Hayley Lynn Massey

Dear Santa  
I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a little miss magic hair, baby sparkles, a new book, and a nintendo tapes. Also I would like a new Bible cover and a baby real.  
Love,  
Vondi Gradine

Dear Santa  
I have been a good boy. I would like a nintendo game, a new bike, and a talking Bart Simpson.  
Love,  
Andy Quinonez  
P.S. Have a happy New Year.

Dear Santa  
I have been a good girl. I would like a Cookie Monster popper game and a Baby Alive. I live in Justiceburg, Texas. Please remember my little sister Mendy and my little brother Jimmy. I will leave you a coke and something to eat.  
Love,  
Jennifer Morgan

Dear Santa  
I have been a good girl. I would like a baby sparkles, P.J. Sparkles, and a little Miss Make-Up. How are your reindeers?  
Love,  
Jennifer Perez

Dear Santa  
I have been a good boy, I have helped my mom with the baby. I would like a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Sewer, a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle tape, and a Turbo graphs 16.  
Love,  
Mike Reiter

Dear Santa  
I have been a good boy. I want a bike, a radio, and a Nintendo game.  
Love,  
Armando Rodriguez

Dear Santa  
I have been a good girl. I would like a bike, a cowboy hat, and a rope for the rodeos. I will leave food out for you.  
Love,  
Diane Morales

Dear Santa  
I have been a good boy. I would like a bullwhip, a four-ten rifle, and a hunting knife.  
Love,  
Casey Short

Dear Santa  
I have been a good boy. I would like a skateboard, Aga-me boy, and a nintendo game.  
Love,  
Steve Martinez

Dear Santa  
I have been a good girl. I would like a Go-Go puppy, a Baby Alive, and a Mario Brothers3 tape. There will be food on the table. How are your reindeers and Mrs Santa Claus?  
Love,  
Camille Blevins

**December 18, 1980  
20 Years Ago**

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am seven. I want a tableset. I have two brothers and one dog. Merry Christmas Santa and have a safe trip.  
Love,  
Valerie Deramus

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am seven and I am a good boy. I want a race track and a BB gun, and a horse and a snake.  
Love,  
Dewayne Cherry

Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you give me a puppy please? And a horse. I am seven year's old.  
Love  
Kristi Hodges

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll. I am seven years old. And I am a very good girl. Me and my little sister wants a piano and a doll house.  
Love  
Lisa Haynes

Dear Santa Claus,  
I was good this year. And do you know what I want? A ten speed bike, a computer, a doll house, and a stove. I am eight years old.  
Love  
Crystal Clay

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a team America motor cycle, and a bike, and a car, and a soldier man. I love you. My name is Eric Pearson. I am in the second grade.  
Love  
Tamara Jones

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good. Please bring me a Barbie Doll House. I love you, Santa.  
Thank You,  
Rubie

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Please bring me a race car set and an electric football game, and a dumb bell weight. I love you.  
Thank you  
Tray Payne

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Dear Santa,  
May I please have a John Deere Tractor? Also, I would like to have a Green Bay Packer Football boy like my Dallas Cowboy one. Now, I want some white cleats and a Mr. Quarterback and also some new pajamas. I will be at Spur, Texas at McMaw's house. She doesn't have a chimney but we will leave the door unlocked. Look for some cookies and milk because you'll probably be hungry from being in your sleigh up in the sky.  
Love,  
Chad Reynolds

Dear Santa,  
P.S. If you have time to make them, I would like to have some gray Dallas Cowboy football pants.  
Love,  
Stevie Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Rocking Chair, and a Punching Bag, and lots of cars, and bring my cousins some toys, they've been good too (I think).  
Love  
Stevie Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Please bring me a baby little motorcycle. I love you. Thank you.  
Bobby Lee

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Please bring me a Barbie Doll House. I love you, Santa.  
Thank You,  
Rubie

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Thank You,  
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**December 17, 1970  
30 Years Ago**

Dear Santa:  
I am writing to let you know it's Christmas time again. Are you coming to see all my friends? Can I have a radio and a Baby Tender Love? Your friend,  
Shawnee Reynolds

Dear Santa:  
I want a bike and a shooting game and a sleeping bag. I want lots of farming stuff and a tractor with four tires on the back. I want a Johnny Boeing 500.  
Your friend,  
Mike Gonzales

Dear Santa:  
Please do not forget those who do not have as much as we do. Your friend,  
Janet Ticer

Dear Santa:  
I want to see you on Christmas Day, so I am writing you a letter. I hope you have a holiday. You are the best Santa Claus in the world. I want a Johnny Lightning 500. That's all I want. Our Christmas tree won't be here in Post because we are going to my uncle's house. Your friend,  
Joe Garcia

Dear Santa:  
For Christmas I want a Hot Wheels and a bike. Your friend,  
Ruben Esposito

Dear Santa:  
I want a football and a Hot Wheels car. I wish my friends have a Merry Christmas. Your friend,  
Jackie Ayala

Dear Santa:  
I want a walking doll. And my sister wants a doll. And how are you doing with your toys? I have to go—bye bye. Your friend,  
Linda Abraham

I want a walkie talkie, sleeping bag, tent army headquarters, football uniform, mini bike, communicator and tape recorder.  
Your friend,  
John Bill Hedrick

Dear Santa:  
I wish I had a bike and some cowboys. Your friend,  
J. R. Davis

Dear Santa:  
I want a Baby Tender Love, a baby bed, and a ball.  
Merry Christmas  
Patti Ann McClellan

Dear Santa:  
I want some cowboy clothes. I want a Baby Tender Love and a Suzy Baker Maker. Merry Christmas,  
Lisa Holly

Dear Santa:  
I wish I had a doll. Would you bring me a whole Barbie?  
Love,  
Cindy Basquez

Dear Santa:  
I want a ball and a Baby Tender Love. Love,  
Martha Furlong

Dear Santa:  
I want a bike, a motorcycle and a parachute. Your friend,  
Alvin Taylor

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good boy this year. I am in the second grade. I am seven years old. I want a BB gun.  
Love,  
Russell Fluitt

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll called a dancereana. I want dishes. I want them to be pink. I want some go-go boots. I want them to be black. I want a bike. I want it to be pink. I want some red, white, blue and pink rings. I want an ice cream maker and I want a cake maker.  
Love,  
Mary Fuentes

Dear Santa:  
Santa, are you going to the mill? I want to get some toys, Santa, and I want to see you.  
Love,  
Johnny Castro

**December 15, 1960  
40 Years Ago**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for everything you brought us last year. This year I would like a gun and holster set, pickup truck and trailer, my sister would like a doll, and little girl type toys, candy, fruit and anything else you'd like to bring us. We'll be visiting our grandmother and granddaddy (Faye and Preston Mathis) is Post, Texas this year, but don't forget all our little friends in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and all the children everywhere. We love you,  
Tommy Preston and Nelda Kim Leake

Dear Santa:  
I want a football shirt and kneepads, football pants, light for my bicycle and erector set.  
Your friend,  
Ricky Don Bush

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a bicycle and a doll bed and a doll. This is all I want.  
Debra

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please come to my home. I have been good Santa Claus. I helped my mother and father. I have been working hard in spelling. I want a bicycle for Christmas.  
George L. Torres

Dear Santa:  
I have seen you on TV. I have seen you in Lubbock, Texas. I want a puppet for Christmas. I want some dresses for Christmas. Thank you for being so nice to me last year.  
Love,  
Varada Striblin

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll, doll buggy, some doll clothes and a rocking chair.  
Thank you, Santa.  
Debra Lee Oden

Dear Santa:  
Thank you for being so nice to me last year. Will you bring me a bicycle and a Zorro suit and a car and toys and an electric train. I am 9 years old and I am a boy.  
Eulogio Carrizalez

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 8 years old. I would like for you to bring me a tether Ball, Paladin guns, View-Master, log set, and a doll. Don't forget to bring my neices and nephews, Danny, Melody, Bill, and Donna Fay Rose what they want and all other boys and girls. I thank you. With lots of love,  
Janet Sue Ray

Dear Santa:  
We are two little boys that have been good this last year. I, Danny, am 6 years old. I would like for you to bring me a football, "Wanted Dead or Alive" guns, Jet-Prop Airliner and a Tether Ball. My little brother, Bill, is 2 years old. He wants some trucks and guns. Bring my sisters and Janet Ray and all other boys and girls what they want. We love you, Santa,  
Danny Rose  
Bill Rose

Dear Santa:  
Thank you for being so nice to me last year. I hope that you will visit me this Christmas. I want a tetherball for Christmas.  
Brenda Warren

Dear Santa:  
Thank you for bringing me the things I wanted last year. This year I want a majorette suit. And I want a bicycle too. I would like a Tiny Tears Doll and a set of dishes. Goodbye, Santa.  
Love,  
Loretta Shaw

Dear Santa:  
Thank you for last year's doll. I love you. Love to you and Mrs. Santa and all your helpers.  
Linda P.

Dear Santa:  
Thank you for last year's rocket. All I want this year is an electric train.  
James Raymond

**December 21, 1950  
50 Years Ago**

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a cowboy hat, a shirt, some guns and boots.  
I am very nice.  
I want a cabinet, ice box and stove.  
I would like to have some chaps and a pair of glasses.  
Love,  
Carol Hodges.  
And a hobby horse and a head-scarf.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a wagon, choo choo train and boots and anything else you want to. Don't forget my little friend Donnie Windham and my cousin, Janie Lea Josey and all the other little boys and girls.  
Love,  
Ronnie Lee Pierce.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a fire truck, a dump truck and a double barrel shot gun. I have been a good little boy. Remember all the other good little boys and girls.  
Donnie Windham.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good little boy I think. I would like a fire truck and rocking horse. I am just about a year and a half old. Don't forget fruit and candy and my big sisters.  
Love,  
Jimmie Bartlett.

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl 3 years old. I would like to have a doll, doll high chair and a set of dishes, nuts, and candy, don't forget all the other little boys and girls.  
Barbara Ann Mock.

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy 5 years old and I want a horse, but if you don't have a horse, I would like to have a shot gun, cash register, and two pistols and a double holster, also fruits, candy and nuts. Please remember all other little boys and girls too.  
Robert Lee Mock.

Dear Santa Claus,  
2 pistols, bicycle, cowboy hat. I am a boy 6 years old.  
Love,  
Reuben Valdez.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some spurs and a shiny red wagon and a stick horse with a head on it and a bicycle.  
Love,  
Don Baker.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an electric train and a rod and reel and a wood-burning set.  
Love,  
Ricky Clarey.

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy 5 years old and I want a horse, but if you don't have a horse, I would like to have a shot gun, cash register, and two pistols and a double holster, also fruits, candy and nuts. Please remember all other little boys and girls too.  
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Robert Lee Mock.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a boots, pistols, a holster and a pencil holder.  
Love,  
Raymond Quentez.

Dear Santa,  
I am a girl 7 years old. Please bring me a bicycle and baby-coo.  
Love,  
Beverly Kay Bird.

Dear Santa,  
This year I am being at Lubbock. However I always send in my letter to Santa. Here is what I want Santa.  
A big doll, one who can wear baby clothes, a cowgirl suit and bat. Don't forget the other little girls and boys.  
Always your friend,  
Bamah Sue Howill.

P. S. I will put out some coffee hope it will warm you up when you come by my house.  
Desar Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a set of two gun scabbards and two long tom guns. I also want a club shirt like calvary suits and a wood burning set and a word book. I want most of all a Post Texas football suit.  
I will try to be a good boy.  
Thank you.  
Love  
Tommy Bouhchier.

Dear Santa,  
I am a boy 6 years old. I want a bicycle and 2 guns and black holsters. I have been a good boy.  
Love,  
Bill Claiborne.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy 6 years old. I want 2 pistols, electric train, a gun, cowboy hat.  
Love,  
A. G. Guajardo.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll-buggy and a tricycle.  
Love,  
Linda Beth Davis.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some spurs and handcuffs and 2 guns and holsters and a tool set.  
Love,  
Dickey Britton.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Lone Ranger suit, a woodburning set and a bicycle.  
I have been good.  
Love,  
Butch Bowen.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl 6 years old. Please bring me a doll, houseshoes and jousecoat and a tricycle and big baby-buggy. My baby sister wants a rocking horse.  
Goodbye,  
Marilyn Fowler.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl 6 years. Book, cowboy shirt.  
Love,  
Jimmy Corett.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Bring me a pair of boots and a train. I am a boy 7 years old.  
Love,  
Charles Seals.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Baby-coo.  
Love,  
Jerilyn Davies.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a baby doll, a bottle.  
I am a girl 8 years old. Baby coo doll, bottle.  
Love,  
Phyllis Quentez.

Dear Santa,  
I am a girl 7 years old. Please bring me a bicycle, a housecoat, houseshoes, please. My little brother wants a train and the baby wants a horse. Thank you.  
Judy Altman.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll and a bottle.  
Love,  
Carmen Quentez.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle, a book, a gun. My brother wants a car, please.  
Raymond Gonzales.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some spurs and a shiny red wagon and a stick horse with a head on it and a bicycle.  
Love,  
Don Baker.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an electric train and a rod and reel and a wood-burning set.  
Love,  
Ricky Clarey.

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy 5 years old and I want a horse, but if you don't have a horse, I would like to have a shot gun, cash register, and two pistols and a double holster, also fruits, candy and nuts. Please remember all other little boys and girls too.  
Robert Lee Mock.

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**Letters To Santa Claus:**



## Certified bookkeepers course at South Plains

South Plains College is the first college in Texas to offer a new continuing education course designed to prepare bookkeeping students and bookkeepers for the national Certified Bookkeeper exam given at Sylvan testing centers.

The Certified Bookkeeper preparatory course begins Jan. 29 at the SPC Reese Center campus in Lubbock and will meet 6-10 p.m. Mondays for 10 weeks. Cost is \$330 for the course fees and textbooks. Test fee for the national exam is \$265.

Prerequisite for the course is one year of financial accounting or the equivalent. Instructor will be Dianne Bridges, SPC professor of office technology. "The new course puts SPC in the forefront of institutions of higher education preparing their students for certification," said Jim Walker, dean of continuing and

distance education at SPC. The course prepares students to take the three-part national exam, which covers accruals, deferrals, adjusted trial balance, correction of accounting errors and the bank reconciliation, payroll, depreciation and inventory. "The need for bookkeepers is growing rapidly," said Walker.

"With the shortage of CPAs, bookkeepers may handle a smaller company's books, and companies rely on bookkeepers for everything from filing W-2s to depreciating the owner's car for tax purposes. Employment agencies are now encouraging bookkeepers to become certified."

Interested students must register by contacting Dianne Bridges at 806-894-9611, ext. 2256.

## Letters to the Editor

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### Texas our Texas

How to settle the 2000 Presidential Election (even though it has already been settled):

Ok, Folks. I've given the people in Florida plenty of time to get this election finished. Now it is my turn:

#1: Al Gore becomes President of the United States (all 49 states).

#2: George W. Bush becomes the President of the Republic of Texas.

Gore shouldn't mind as he said we were the worst state in the union during the campaign.

So what does Texas have to survive as a Republic?

NASA in Houston, Texas (we will control the space industry).

We refine over 85% of the gasoline in the United States (that is why Houston has problems with the air quality).

Defense Industry (we have over 65% of it). The term "Don't mess with Texas," will take on new meaning.

Oil - we can supply all the oil the Republic of Texas will need for the next 300 years.

Natural Gas-Again we have all we need (too bad about those northern states).

Computer Industry-we currently lead the nation in producing computer chips.

A small place named Texas Instruments, Dell Computer, EDS, Compaq, etc., etc.

Health Centers-We have the largest research centers for Cancer research, the best burn centers, and other large health planning centers.

We have enough colleges to keep us going: UT, Texas A&M, Rice, University of Houston, SMU, Baylor, UNT, Texas Women's University, etc.

taking medication prescribed by two different physicians that interact with each other.

By using PBMs, employers are able to offer to keep costs down and keep employees healthy. While some proposals are for such type of healthcare delivery, the costs to comply with the consent requirements would basically put PBMs out of business and put employers out of luck when wanting an affordable prescription plan.

Lastly, this legislation would create a new, unlimited cause of action against employers, coupled with jail time for voluntarily providing health benefits to their employees while doing little to improve health care quality, accessibility and the number of Texans insured.

Moreover employees' physicians would likewise be subject to civil (including punitive damages) and criminal penalties for failure to comply.

That's why our organization - representing thousands of small and large employers across Texas is concerned about proposed legislation that could make it increasingly difficult for employers to provide much-needed benefits.

Personal information should be protected but information must be appropriately accessible to provide quality-based purchasing, data collection on health care outcomes, research, physician profiling and the fight against health care fraud and abuse.

The federal government is already taking steps to protect personal medical records from being misused. In Texas, we must work with federal regulations first before passing proposals that could do more harm than good.

Bill Hammond, President  
Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce

## South Plains producers approve weevil tax

The last piece of the puzzle is finally in place for boll weevil eradication on the South Plains.

Cotton growers in Cochran, Hockley, Terry, Lubbock and portions of Crosby, Dickens, Garza and Lynn counties, recently voted 2,996 to 732 in favor of establishing the Southern High Plains-Caprock eradication zone.

The Texas Department of Agriculture announced the results of the grower mail-in referendum this week. The four-to-one ballot approval creates a 1.2 million-acre active control zone in these eight counties—the largest of eight active eradication zones in Texas.

Boll weevil eradication efforts in these zones are operated and governed by cooperative efforts between producers and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. Growers in the Southern High Plains-Caprock zone also voted to pay \$12 per acre for irrigated land and \$6 per acre for dryland fields to fund their 5-year eradication program at a total cost of \$105 million. If all goes well, control efforts will begin next fall.

"The last piece of the boll weevil eradication puzzle is finally in place on the High Plains. In order to get good control of this destructive pest, we now need 100 percent grower participation-cooperation," said Steve Verett, executive vice president of Plains Cotton Growers Inc., headquartered in Lubbock. That participation is important because the High Plains is one big contiguous production region. Boll weevils don't recognize county lines—they simply spread wherever Mother Nature allows."

Several mild winters in a row, an abundance of overwintering habitat and the weevils' quick adaptation to the Plains climate helped push weevil numbers across the region to unprecedented levels during the past eight years. Boll weevils damage cotton by feeding and laying eggs for successive generations in the plant's immature "squares" and bolls—the fruit which bears high-value cotton lint.

Droughts in 1996 and 1998 didn't slow the weevil's progress. Their rapid spread in the past five years leads Texas A&M University entomologists to conclude that weevils have developed enough cold-hardiness to successfully overwinter just about as

far north as cotton can be grown in Texas.

Recent weevil overwintering studies conducted by these scientists indicate as much as 65 percent of overwintering weevils successfully survived recent winters on the Plains. Once those weevils emerge from overwintering sites, they seek nearby cotton fields. Spraying to control weevils can cost growers as much as \$60 per acre or more during the growing season.

"Eradication is a good, long-term investment for the entire region. By assessing themselves a control 'tax,' growers are trading the uncertainty of high annual control costs for a lower, known control cost for the next few years," said Jim Leser, extension cotton entomologist at Texas A&M's Lubbock Research and Extension Center. "The effort pays off. We see that when we look at the dramatic decline in weevil numbers in zones where eradication has been under way for one or two years."

"The first year of diapause eradication spraying cuts weevil numbers dramatically. Subsequent spraying in following years then pushes weevil populations down to near zero. That helps put more lint and more dollars back into producers' pockets."

## Travelers...

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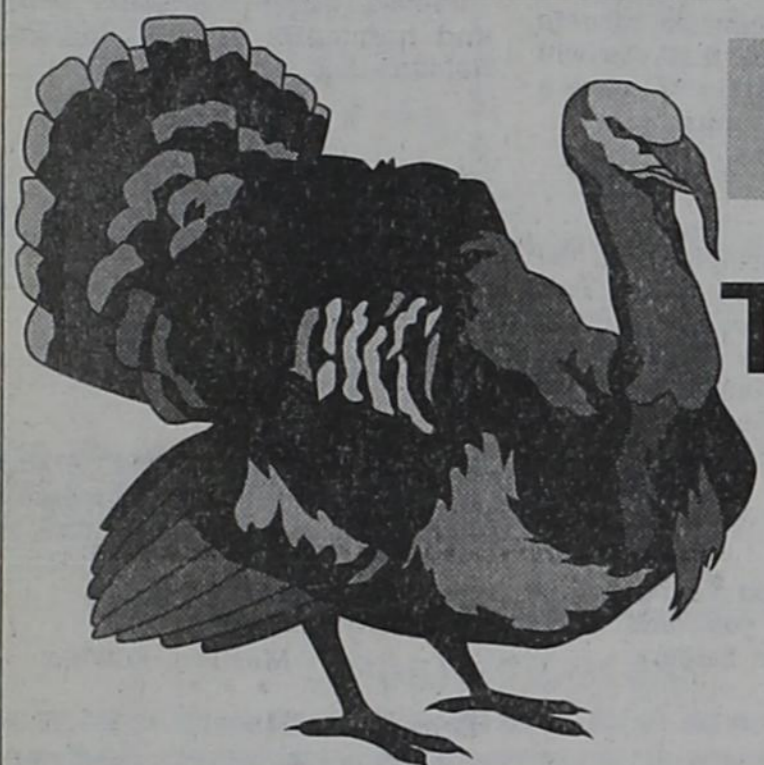
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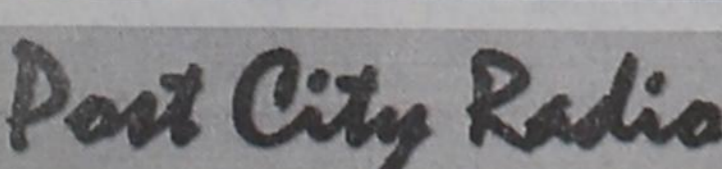
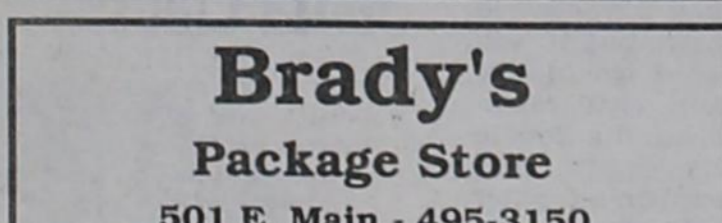
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